

GRAUSTARK

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1968CI

"Spring 1904"

FRENCH ROUT TWO ENEMY ARMIES

ENGLAND (Grayson): A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; F Bel S A Lon-Pic; A Bre S A Lon-Pic; F North Atlantic-Mid; A Liv-Wal; F Kie S RUSSIAN F Bal-Ber; F Den S F Kie.

FRANCE (Clark): A Ber-Mun; A Bur S A Ber-Mun; F Mid-Bre; A Par S F Mid-Bre; A Mar-Gas.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Ion-Gre; F Tun-Ion; A Ven-Tri; A Vie S A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Tri S TURKISH A Ser-Bud.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): A St. P-Norway; A War-Sil; A Gal-Boh; A Rum-Gal; A Bud-Vie; F Bla holds; A Swe-Ber; F Bal C A Swe-Ber.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): A Gre-Alb; A Ser S A Gre-Alb; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English army in Brest is annihilated, and Germany retreats A Mun-Ruh. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 MAY 1969. Press releases are printed on p. 10.

1967U

"Winter 1920"

GERMANY (M. Miller): Builds A Kie. RUSSIA (G. Heap): Builds A Sev. TURKEY (Beshara): Builds A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1921" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 MAY 1969. If all moves come in before then, they will be distributed by carbon copy and a "Fall" deadline will be set.

1968CL

"Spring 1904"

SOUTHERN ALLIES PUSH BACK RUSSIANS

ENGLAND (Schelz): F Eng S ITALIAN F Mid-Iri.

FRANCE (Ward): F Liv-Iri; F North Atlantic-Mid; A Por-Spa; A Mar S A Por-Spa; A Bre-Gas.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): A Ber-Sil; A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Bur; A Kie-Ruh; F Bel-Eng; F Lon & F North Sea S F Bel-Eng.

ITALY (Comber): F Mid-Por; A Pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) S A Pie-Mar; F Rom-Tus; A Ven-Tyr; A Tri S A Ven-Tyr; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F Norwegian Sea-Edi; A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum;

TURKEY (Beshara): F Sev-Bla; A Rum-Sev; A Arm S A Rum-Sev; A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; A Vie S ITALIAN A Bud-Gal; F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in Galicia is annihilated, while the English fleet in the Channel must retreat to Wales, Brest, or Picardy. THE DIRECTION OF THIS RETREAT SHOULD BE PHONED IMMEDIATELY TO THE GAMES-MASTER, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 17 MAY 1969.

THE CHANNEL: Friends, friends, and more friends, everywhere there's nothing but friends.

PARIS: Elements of the Third Fleet Marine Force reembarked after quelling severe guerilla activity. Early reports indicate that the rebellion was centered in a dockside night club and led by four long haired youths called "The Beetles"

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The reason for this code name is not known. Before leaving Major Richard Costeau installed Dame H. Princetonia Garrigus as civil governor of East Normandy, as the region is now called. Dame Garrigus, who has not appeared in print since the collapse of the little lamented literary journal Marsovia, at once unveiled her newest poem, "Ode to Occupation":

Like it or not,
Rebels will be shot!

for which she was awarded the S. I. Hayakawa Award for declamatory poetry.

1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

ZPOD, HERNIA (Gruff Press): Today's entry was 'Condom-inium'.

TRIESTE: CIC of Eastern Front declared that due to French fleet action Rome was to be evacuated.

LONDON (12 July 1904): Whereas Germany is about to vanish, and whereas nothing else seems worth doing, the Tenfold Kingdom declares its support for the Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Baltic, Ukrainian, and other National Liberation Fronts.

BORGIAGRAD (24 July 1904, Eeben Press): Their will broken by the literal descent of every pig in North America on Gastritis, and the falling out of the bottom of more and more of their country, the Poderkaggians have abjectly surrendered, for the second time, to the Tenfold Kingdom, as have Hernia, Holmia, Montenegro, and the Highlands. Further incidents of undermining are reported in Serbia, Albania, and Greece. Soon all the Balkans will be ours.

1967U - PRESS RELEASE

BERLIN: It has been discovered that Russia is really being ruled by the infidel Turks and so its destruction will not be any loss to the Christian world; but rather a deliverance for her downtrodden people.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

After a hiatus of obscure origin, GRAUSTARK is back in trade relations with Chris Wagner's excellent Strategy and Tactics. S&T is the foremost general wargaming 'zine, and the bundle of 7 issues received yesterday make excellent reading. Rod Walker has a regular column on Diplomacy, including the best analysis I've seen yet on how to proceed when playing the difficult role of Italy. There is much discussion of Avalon-Hill's new game 1914, which should interest Diplomacy fans since that game covers the same period as ours. And, like GRAUSTARK, S&T has enlarged from a discussion of game techniques to a discussion of war itself. This was kicked off in the March-April 1969 issue by Dr. Jerry Pournelle, who feels that James Dunnigan's account of the development of 1914 threatens his beloved institution of war.

Strategy & Tactics is \$7.50 per year from Box 11-137, Loudonville, N. Y. 12211. It is published every other month.

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Bill Linden asks "What is the significance of the following numbers: 1389, 58, 2722, 7477, 2280, 2007, 1685, 1416, 125?"

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Since only 1 answer has come in, Linden's "King Arthur" Quiz Contest (see GRAUSTARK #181) has been postponed to 17 May as a deadline.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXX

"What's your plan, O-O-Hate?" eagerly asked his teen-age assistant Burner. "How can we get out of this dungeon where the master-agent of the Sinister Forces of World Peace has thrown us?"

"We will thwart the insidious Oriental restaurateur Fyu Men Kan Chu through his own evilly beautiful daughters," replied O-O-Hate, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania. "Hand me that letter you got from his Number Three Daughter, the Chinese-Jewish spy queen Miao Katz."

Burner, who is actually Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Blessed Balthazar Girard Theological Seminary, gave O-O-Hate the letter, which had attempted to trap the youth into an assignation with the spy queen. "Now we'll tear two fly leaves out of your Chinese textbook," he explained, "and write out two copies of this letter. To one copy we will sign the name of his Number One Daughter, and to the other the name of his Number Two Daughter!"

"But his Number One Daughter is married to the Nationalist Chinese agent Kash Yank-chek. And the Number Two Daughter is married to the Communist agent Eck Ko-Mao."

"Yes, that's how he got control over both Chinese spy services, and is trying to bring all the spies of the world into his spy union. There will never be another war if he succeeds in this evil design! But - we will send each daughter's letter to the other one's husband!"

"A stroke of genius!" Burner gasped. Quickly they copied out the Chinese characters. When a giant, deaf-mute dacoit delivered their next meal, O-O-Hate contacted him in sign language and bribed him with a pair of silver cufflinks, the gift of a high government official who had thus rewarded the agent's adroit work in arranging the U-2 incident and staving off a dangerous growth of peaceful co-existence.

"Now we just wait," said O-O-Hate.

"Gosh!" said Burner, amazed at the brilliance of the dedicated defender of the American Way of War.

WHERE ARE ALL THOSE GAMES?

Following "Spring 1910" moves in 1968G, Russia retreated A Ser-Alb, F North Sea-Bel. (The "removal" of a Russian army in Buapest was incorrect, as Turkey controlled that province.) These retreats came in a week ago, and a new deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 10 MAY 1969 was set for the "Fall 1910" moves. It should also be noted that the Turkish "Spring 1910" move F Pie-Mar failed.

Following "Spring 1904" moves in 1968CH, France retreated A Bur-Mun, Italy retreated F Tun-Ion, and Austria-Hungary retreated A Vie-Gal. These moves were also sent out a week ago, and a deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 10 MAY 1969, was set for "Fall 1904" moves.

An out-of-schedule issue of GRAUSTARK will be published next weekend and will be mailed to players in 1968G and 1968CH only. In that issue the "Winter" moves will be called for on 17 May, to be published in GRAUSTARK #185. Thus all these games will be back on the same schedule.

Owing to John Beshara's absence, play in 1967U will continue to be delayed until his return. The moves will be adjudicated and distributed to the players by carbon copy when they all come in,

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Rod Walker, air force officer and publisher of Erehwon, has taken issue with your Gamesmaster's anti-war policy. This is, in itself, not surprising. If someone advocated terminating all scientific research, I would certainly be as incensed towards him as he is towards the people who want to render his profession obsolete. But, in his parody of the GRAUSTARK colophon, he has made the astounding equation of criticism of war with "tirelessly insulting our nation". This directly implies that the first order of business and raison d'etre of the United States of America is war. I cannot conceive of a more serious insult to our nation.

When men go to war, they often get killed. When nations go to war, they often get killed. The point at issue between Walker and myself is simply this: I am trying to keep the United States of America alive. He is trying to get it destroyed.

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The two antagonistic institutions of War and Education are currently in conflict through their "common ground", the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The ROTC has the following purpose, according to Brigadier General S. L. A. "Slam" Marshall (USA, Ret.):

"Out over this country there are lesser halls of learning which are getting with the ROTC program for the first time this year. Administrators worry about a growing indiscipline on campuses elsewhere. They believe a cadet corps might become a counterforce for stability." (New York Post, 7 March 1969.)

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This program is being carried out by an elite group within ROTC, the Pershing Rifles. Major Kent Cockson, stationed at the Pershing Rifles National Headquarters at the University of Nebraska, put it this way in an order distributed "To All Regiments":

"1. Forward any material published by Students for a Democratic Society, Black Panthers, and all other local subversive groups of local chapters of national organizations to National Headquarters.

"2...If you have any such information already on file, it may be Zeroxed or Thermofaxed and the reproductions may be forwarded.

"3. The requested information will become part of the National Headquarters file.

"4. Please instruct all companies in your regiment to comply with this request."

In an interview, Major Cockson explained that "Since the Pershing Rifles aren't really officially connected with the Army, we can say things about the radicals that the Department of Defense can't say." He admits that his group "hasn't got yet what you would call a solidified program to do something about the disruptive radicals, SDS and the others, but I know there would be a lot of interest for it." (Rat, 14 March 1969)

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For over a year now, it has been popular among radicals to refer to the police and other authority figures as "pigs". Surprisingly, most of the complaints about this designation have come from the two-legged pigs. Your Gamesmaster, whose background includes years in the rural Midwest, knows that the four-legged pigs are intelligent and sympathetic creatures. One might expect that they would resent the comparison more strongly.

But the four-legged pigs have also been accused of activities directed against the best interests of the human race. The accusation was made by Dr. Martin M. Kaplan, chief of veterinary public health of the World Health Organization. (I trust that Dr. Kaplan is not simply exercising an ancestral prejudice against the porcine species.) According to a report in the New York Times, Dr. Kaplan believes that new strains of influenza evolve in the pigs of southern China. He believes that the 1918 flu epidemic, as well as the more recent outbreaks of "Asian Flu" and "Hong Kong Flu", originated with mutations of viruses in the large herds of pigs in South China.

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Various branches of the Capet family (descended from a butcher who lived in early medieval France) are still squabbling over their title to the non-existent Spanish throne. Principal contenders, according to the New York Daily News of 19 January 1969, are Don Juan and his son Don Juan Carlos. Also in on the act was the Parma branch of the family, with Don Carlos Hugo subbing for his ailing father Don Javier. Further off is Don Juan's brother Don Jaime, who as a victim of hemophilia is eminently qualified to be king.

At last reports, Don Juan Carlos is willing to take the throne, but his father is not willing to give it up. No word has yet come from Generalissimo Caudillo Franco, who presumably will have a little to say on the matter.

Why not submit the whole matter for adjudication by the Augustan Society?

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Despite reverses in the past couple of centuries, the king business still pays very well, so the competition for the Spanish throne is understandable. According to Victor Riesel, the labor columnist of the New York Daily Column, King Frederik IX of Denmark even has a cost-of-living escalator clause in his contract. (10 January 1969). The three Scandinavian monarchs average \$645,000 per year.

This is apparently starvation wages in the king racket. Queen Elizabeth II has a royal allowance of \$1,140,000 per year, presumably including the income from a royal holding company called the Duchy of Lancaster whose financial maneuvers are shrouded in dusk. Prince Charles is gradually being eased into this financial status; when he turns 21 he will step into an income of \$480,000 per year.

In other monarchies, King Baudouin I of Belgium gets \$840,000, the Emperor Hirohito practices his hobby of amateur biology on \$233,000 a year, while the self-Exiled Constantinos XIII of Greece gave up \$600,000 a year to rusticate in Rome. Even Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg, ruler of a 999-square mile fragment left over from the Holy Roman Empire, gets \$266,000 per year.

But the real leader of the royalty business is Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. As monarch of a nation whose financial acumen has never been called into question, she gets an annual salary of no less than 14 million dollars!

The occasionally heard suggestion that the United States become a monarchy ignores these important financial matters. In a President we are getting much more work done at the piddling price of \$200,000 per year - only 75% of what the worst-paid of the above-mentioned

... gets. Cavils over the recent increase in the presidential salary should take into account comparisons with monarchies.

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However, though kings may be doing well the squeeze is on for mere noblemen. The district fire chief of the Swedish town of Katrineholm refused permission to the Countess Cecilia Levenhauft to burn down her family castle of Sjöholm. The countess claimed that the 32-room castle was too expensive to maintain. (New York Post, 8 July 1968).

And in Rome, Prince Mario Chigi was jailed on a charge of fraudulent bankruptcy. The prince, a relative of the late Pope Alexander VIII, was accused of juggling the books of a pasta company to conceal a surplus of \$800,000. (New York Times, 4 April 1969)

King Umberto II of Italy was expelled by an ungrateful people in 1947. Apparently the predilection of his family for various forms of violent death has cropped up in his daughter Princess Marie Beatrice, who, not content with shooting herself two years ago "in what was officially explained as an accident while cleaning her revolver", recently mysteriously "fell" out of a second-floor window in Geneva. Nobody is apparently willing to ascribe anything but an accidental explanation to these injuries. (New York Post, 4 April.)

Princess Anne of Great Britain is indulging in healthier amusements. The American musical Hair, having shocked and delighted New York with its unclad actors, has set up shop in Swinging London. At the end of the performance, the cast invites the audience to join them in a dance on stage. After their performance of 15 April 1969 this invitation was taken up by the 18-year-old princess. (She did not divest herself of a pants-suit for the occasion.) Among the cast Princess Anne recognized a former schoolmate.

(Later a palace spokesman said, "We did not even know Princess Anne was at the theater." Presumably Prince Philip led a procession to the Imperial Woodshed, last so employed when Prince Edward fell off his horse.)

The Dutch royal family would never be caught dead in such antics. Princess Irene just won a \$25,000 judgment against a West German magazine which intimated that she was pregnant before her marriage to Prince Carlos Hugo, one of the above-mentioned Spanish pretenders. Neue Welt asserted that the Princess got an abortion with her royal parents' consent. The award will be given to the International Red Cross. (New York Times, 18 January 1969).

Other productions of the British stage are not as friendly towards the gentry as Hair is. Currently enjoying a vogue there is a play called The Ruling Class, which "is obsessively concerned with the tradition of British violence sanctioned by the upper class". (New York Times, 28 February 1969). The protagonist is the 14th Earl of Gurney, a mental case who thinks he is Jesus Christ. The plot involves releasing him from a mental home long enough to marry and beget an heir, then locking him up again. His scandalized relatives "cure" him of his obsession with love and forgiveness, thus turning him into Jack the Ripper.

(The author of The Ruling Class is not the first writer to blame the Ripper on the English aristocracy. Ellery Queen, in his A Study in Terror, gives the case of Jack the Ripper over to his contemporary Sherlock Holmes for solution. Holmes finds that the culprit is a member of an English ducal house. Left unanswered is Avram Davidson's speculation that Jack the Ripper was Holmes/himself.)

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Yet, with all the strictures imposed on the nobility by a populace ignorant of the Defense of Aristocracy of Anthony Ludovici,

there are still people who find it profitable to represent themselves as belonging to that estate. An airline hostess named Julie Ann Leeds - presumably no kin to the recently extinct English ducal house of that name - complained in court that her husband Jerry Robert Leeds had conned her into marriage by representing himself as a millionaire and the grandson of an English baron. A brief inquiry into Burke's Peerage could have settled the matter.

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When the Beatles were made members of the Order of the British Empire, five indignant members sent back their ribbons in disgust - "enough for the Rolling Stones", as one columnist remarked. One wonders how many peers will send back their patents of nobility, or quote sardonically Hilaire Belloc's "Lord Uncle Tom", now that the accolade of nobility has been given to a West Indian Negro. On 26 March 1969 the cumbersome title of "Baron Constantine of Maraval in Trinidad and Tobago and of Nelson in the Country Palatine of Lancashire" was bestowed on a retired cricket player named Learie Constantine. The title was not so much for his abilities before the wicket as for his contributions to better race relations; he seems to be a sort of British Jackie Robinson. (New York Times, 27 March 1969)

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An old Whitney Darrow cartoon shows a darkly beautiful woman seated on a park bench, surrounded by several children of widely varying ethnic types. One bystander explains to another that she had once been a highly effective secret agent.

A towering scandal in Australia has grown out of just such a case - though the woman spy did not become pregnant in the line of duty. Instead, while an employee of the Japanese embassy, Mrs. Mary Hoffmann allegedly smuggled copies of dozens of secret documents out of the embassy under her maternity dress. Mrs. Hoffmann was once caught using an embassy copying machine, but disarmed suspicion by explaining that "I'm stealing secret documents".

When, 8 years after the fact, Prime Minister Gorton had the affair dumped in his lap, he refused to comment or to state that the Australian equivalent of the FBI had exceeded its authority in hiring Mrs. Hoffmann. But the story quickly ramified to include Judy Garland's daughter Liza Minelli, who allegedly was middlewoman in a CIA plot to blackmail Gorton with revelations of an affair with him. The leader of the opposition claims that Gorton has not been completely frank about the whole business.

Meanwhile, Mary Hoffmann and Liza Minnelli are hereby nominated for membership in the Tarpeia Society.

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To keep tabs on the activities of the CIA and other U. S. intelligence agencies, Dr. Julius Mader of Berlin has written a handy little book entitled Who's Who in the C. I. A. The book contains brief biographical sketches of about 3000 American agents, past and present. Dr. Mader's title is rather modest; in addition to the CIA the book lists operatives of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and various civil intelligence groups including even NASA's "Section 10-10". Tables of Organization indicate the connections within and among these agencies. For information about getting the book, write to Dr. Mader at Mauerstrasse 69, 1066 Berlin W 66, DDR (East Germany).

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In the New York Daily Column of 3 April 1969, financial reporter Milton Moskowitz reports the growth of chains of discount toy stores, springing up to capitalize on the annual \$2.5 billion gross of toys and games in this country. Mattell Inc. leads the field, with Mil-

ton Bradley second. "Educational toys are on the upswing today: rifles, tanks, and other weaponry are losing their salespower."

The best seller of 1968 was "Instant Insanity", a Parker Brothers game involving applications of permutational mathematics.

Adult board games are also breaking all records, as Barnard Collier reports in the New York Times. This is in itself a \$20 million yearly market. Diplomacy, now, it seems, marketed by the notorious Rand Corporation, is a best seller at \$8 per set. But "many of the new games are so difficult (the rules are sometimes book length) or take so long to finish that they scare off all but the most fanatic gamesmen...Some of the war games, for example, are played over weekends in sessions that might well be called game orgies."

Collier cites the case of a European diplomat who plays "Diplomacy" or "1914" with friends, but never with colleagues. He also mentions an Italian journalist who plays Diplomacy with, among others, his Hungarian father-in-law. After an Italian foray into Trieste, "You've done it again!" the father-in-law cried, grabbing his head in anguish. "The Italians have taken Trieste again!"

According to Dr. Wayman J. Crew, director of the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute in La Jolla, "The new creative games are right on target for today's disenchanted youth and adults who are bombarded with information they want to use in a participatory way. ...They realize that games aren't only fun, but allow the players to use their excess of information, much of which they got from television, in a creative way."

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Bill Linden, in our discussion about assassination, seems unwilling to consider the murder of Henrik Verwoerd as a legitimate act of tyrannicide. I suggest that he attempt to get a judgment on this fact from Prof. John Blacking or Dr. Zureena Desai. Blacking, a social anthropologist, and Desai, a physician, were convicted under a South African law which provides long prison sentences for sexual relations between whites and non-whites. (Owing to the circumstantial nature of the evidence they were given suspended sentences.)

Bill Linden's contention that such a government is not a tyranny which may legitimately be overthrown is eagerly awaited.

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Those who know my political views will find it difficult to believe that an article entitled "Origins of the Communist Menace" would come from my pen. But it did, and it will appear shortly in Ted Paul's excellent periodical Kipple. Kipple is 20¢ per issue from Pauls at 1448 Meridene Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21212.

Kipple #163, published on 21 April, contains an article by veteran wargamer Scott Duncan on our hobby. Duncan defends wargaming against accusations brought in the defunct monthly Eye and elsewhere that it stimulates militarism.

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Having exhausted the possibilities of beer, oranges, blueberries, and Greene beans, John Koning's sTab is now conducting a symposium to determine who is the Rightful Ruler of America if we set up a monarchy here. For those wishing to join the discussion, sTab is 10 issues for \$1 from Koning at 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509. More seriously, sTab is the journal of record in postal Diplomacy, and keeps up to date the master list of game rosters. For those wishing to enter new postal Diplomacy games, sTab also regularly lists the 'zines which are currently recruiting new players.

Rod Walker, publisher of Erehwon, does better at writing his own poetry than at parodizing other peoples'. See "The Naming of

Parts" in Erehwon 3, #7 (10 March 1969). Erehwon also gives a very good listing of current and defunct Diplomacy 'zines, and rates both 'zines and players. It is 10 issues for \$3 from Walker at 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866, and comes infused with an enthusiasm for make-believe wars which carries over into real ones.

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The corrupt and decadent aristocracy of Europe has conspired to deprive of his rightful due the tallest Gamesmaster in Diplomacy, my fellow-member of the Henry Ford Depreciation Society, Josef Konrad Friesner Wolfgang Anton Freiherr von Metzke. His name and title appear nowhere in the Genealogisches Handbuch der Freiherrlichen Häuser, a latter-day successor to the Almanach de Gotha. Oddly enough, another noble friend, Dr. Count Marcello Massimiliano-Truzzi of the Department of Sociology of the University of Michigan, has the same problem. So does Prince Mike Romanoff, a prominent restaurateur.

However, even if the European nobility doesn't recognize his title, Conrad's Costaguana is good enough to merit his ennoblement when the Augustan Society takes over. It's at least 17 issues for \$1 from Conrad von Metzke, 3716 Columbia St., San Diego, Calif. 92103.

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Thanks to Norman McLeod for his kind words about GRAUSTARK in the latest Xanadu. He is even forgiven his use of the Sacred Colophon. Xanadu and Dunvegan are available from McLeod at 906 Kimberwicke Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.

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Several GRAUSTARK readers have paid subscriptions which will expire with the following issues. Renewals are 10 issues for \$1.00.

184 - Pat Casey	187 - Peter Ansoff	211 - Mehran Thomson
185 - Ron Salcedo	Bruce Gletty	215 - George Patton
186 - Monte Zelazny	189 - Michael Goldfein	

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Jeff Key's The Voice is running a series on how to conduct Diplomatic negotiations by mail. Subscription rates are 10 issues for \$2 from Key at P. O. Box 251, Eatontown, N. J. 07724.

John McCallum and Robert Lake are reducing the scope of their publications, but the reputation of Canadian Diplomacy fandom is being carried forward by Gerhard Graebner, Box 242, Sub Post Office #6, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Graebner and Norman Zinkhan publish the Nemedian Chronicles, whose name is taken from the late Robert E. Howard's Conan stories. NC is 2 issues for 15¢.

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In 1964 we were told that the North Vietnamese attacked the destroyer Maddox in international waters. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee later showed this to be a lie. In 1968 we were told that the North Koreans seized the Pueblo in international waters. The U. S. Navy later admitted this to be a lie. Now we hear that a U. S. spy plane was shot down by the North Koreans over international waters. Yeah.

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David Johnston, winner of the "John Wilkes Booth Look-Alike Contest", has exercised his option of picking his country in the game in which he won entry. He has picked, mirabile dictu, Germany!

1968CI - PRESS RELEASES

SMYRNA (18 Nov. 1903, SPP): It was today learned that beds would have to be excluded from the new Turkish fleets, since all available materials useful in the construction of beds are now, and have been for the past three years, being frantically utilized to keep up with the demand created by the Sultan himself for the furnishing of his conference room in the Palace. As the Sultan himself was entering his 45th consecutive day in conference, he was unavailable for comment; but acting head of state Concubine 48 (22-36) ventured the guess that the more customary method of sleeping on Turkish fleets would once again have to be utilized. Accordingly, 1000 gross meat hooks have been ordered to Smyrna's shipyards.

O PHUC, INDOCHINA (12 Feb. 1904, SPP): Loyal servants of our beloved Sultan Yuk today moved out of the Sultan's local residence, taking with them all of the Sultan's most treasured possessions: 15,000 beds, 4,000 cases of American Bourbon; 18,000 bags of 'happy lawn', which the Sultan discovered in the environment; and several hundred bashful and shy young lovelies who are anxiously awaiting transportation to the main harem in Constantinople.

The Sultan, in his dispatch ordering the long-awaited evacuation, explained that it was obvious even to the lowest and least intelligent of his servants that Indochina would be a very inhospitable locale for foreigners within a few more months at the very most.

"At least," said the Sultan, "everyone has learned their lesson from the Yuk experiences in Indochina. Only an aboriginal aardvark would ever dream of trying to establish foreign influence here again."

WASHINGTON: Does anybody here have an aardvark?

HYDUNDERABAD: Maharajah Kamasutra IX, for the third time this week, announced the complete destruction of the revolutionary Peristaltic Movement and its leader, Pandit the Bandit. This time he claimed that Pandit had been captured by three loyal eunuchs when the rebels attempted to raid the Maharajah's second-best harem. "They promptly prepared him to serve as their apprentice," the Maharajah said, "but instead he killed himself by swallowing a live krait."

Meanwhile, from his jungle headquarters, Pandit the Bandit announced that the Maharajah's skull had been crushed by a harem girl secretly sympathetic to the rebel cause. He declined to elaborate on the circumstances.

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